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Fair Oaks District Station



FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Fair Oaks District  
Community Connection

## FAIR OAKS POLICE STATION IN 2010!



You are getting a new, (well, practically new) police station! The Fair Oaks District Police Station will undergo quite the renovation. We are scheduled to break ground some time in Spring 2010. Builders will complete the project in two phases which will take approximately two years. As it stands today, all of our meetings, roll calls and training sessions, whether they be interdepartmental or community-based, take place in the same room. We have crammed up to 50 people in a room designed to comfortably seat 30. Some of you may remember those meetings. We even held one meeting in the bay of the fire department next door. You can look forward to a new meeting/training room that will comfortably seat 150 people. We will also have access to a small kitchen, should the need arise. The roll call room will be completely separate from the community room. Our officers working midnights will never be kicked out of their roll calls again! We will certainly keep you posted with progress reports.

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### Events of Interest :

- February 5 - Anniversary of the Constitution
- February 12 - Lincoln's Birthday
- February 14 - Valentine's Day
- February 15 - President's Day (County Holiday)
- February 22 - Washington's Birthday
- February 24 - Flag Day

## Neighborhood Watch Training Dates for 2010!

The Fair Oaks District Police Station has three training dates remaining for the Neighborhood Watch Program. As usual, they will be held at the station, located at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, at 7 p.m. in the roll call room. These opportunities are designed for communities that want to expand their existing Neighborhood Watch participation, those who wish to begin a new Watch program or those who would like a refresher course.

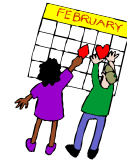
We look forward to serving you and maintaining the quality of community and police partnerships that we have both come to depend on and enjoy.

The training dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, April 20
- Tuesday, July 20
- Tuesday, October 19

# Mark Your Calendars

## NOW!



## Request a Neighborhood Watch Program for Your Community Today!

The requirement is a short and simple one-time, two-hour training commitment. Learn how to detect, react to and report criminal or suspicious behaviors. Know how to better protect yourself and your community.

For more information, contact your Crime Prevention Officer at the Fair Oaks District Police Station: MPO Sophia Grinnan at [sophia.grinnan@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:sophia.grinnan@fairfaxcounty.gov).



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEMBERS AND CAC MEMBERS **PLEASE READ!**



**Remember: Citizen's Advisory Committee and Neighborhood Watch meetings have been reunited!**

We had a great turnout for our joint meeting in January. Approximately 25 people attended and bid Captain Thornton a fond farewell, as he has been reassigned. They also met our new station Commander, Ron Lantz. We discussed some Neighborhood Watch topics (primarily catalytic converter thefts) and then topped the evening off with a very informative presentation by Second Lieutenant Chris Cochrane of the Special Weapons And Tactics unit.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, at 7 p.m., at the Fair Oaks District Police Station, located at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway. We share the building with the fire station. Come meet the County's new wildlife biologist, Victoria Monroe. She will discuss her position and her findings with reference to the animals that live among us. Let her dispel any myths and confirm any suspicions you may have regarding bears, snakes, and wild cats! Are all bats rabid? What if I find a little doe? What is a deer tick? See you there!



# Fairfax County Police Department

## CRIME ALERT!

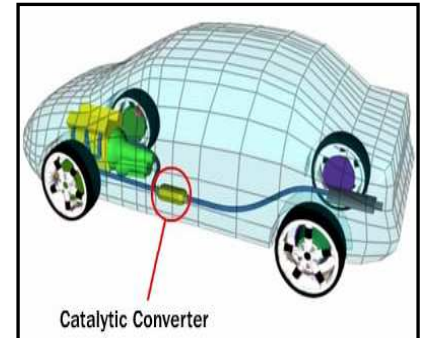
### CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS

In the past few months, there has been an increase in catalytic converters stolen from automobiles. This has occurred at commuter lots, and neighborhoods throughout the county.

This kind of theft has also been discovered in neighboring jurisdictions.

The thefts in Fairfax County have been occurring during daytime and night-time hours, mostly during the work week. Suspect descriptions vary. Toyotas have been frequently targeted, although not exclusively.

Community members are strongly encouraged to be aware of suspicious activity during the course of your normal business day. Whether you are driving through your neighborhood, metro lots or business complexes be alert of your surroundings. Don't confront criminals!



**PLEASE remember to report ALL suspicious activity immediately by calling:**



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**Emergency: 9-1-1 (in-progress calls)**  
**Non-Emergency: 703-691-2131 (reports only)**



### **CALLERS MAY REMAIN ANONYMOUS**

Fairfax County Crime Solvers      4100 Chain Bridge Road Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.



## Phony E-mail Spreads Fiction about 2010 Census; Get the Facts

An e-mail which falsely claims to be from the Better Business Bureau (BBB) about the upcoming 2010 Census is inaccurate and BBB is advising consumers to get the facts.

### How to Identify a Census Field Representative

If a U.S. Census Bureau employee knocks on your door, here are some recognition tips to assure the validity of the field representative:

- The field representative must present an ID badge that contains a Department of Commerce watermark and expiration date. The field representative may also be carrying a bag with a Census Bureau logo.
- The field representative will provide you with supervisor contact information and/or the regional office phone number for verification, if asked.
- The field representative will provide you with a letter from the Census Bureau Director on official letterhead.

### When Field Representatives will be Going Door-to-Door:

- From April to July 2010, they will knock on the door of every household that does not mail back a completed 2010 Census form.
- It's critical that you take just 10 minutes to fill out and mail back your form rather than wait for a census worker to show up on your doorstep. About \$85 million in taxpayer dollars are saved for every one-percent increase in mail response.
- The Census Bureau must get a census form to – and a completed form back from – every residence in the United States. That's more than 130 million addresses. This is why the census is the largest domestic mobilization our nation undertakes.

### What the 2010 Census DOES NOT Ask:

- Field representatives will never ask you for your social security number, bank account number, or credit card number. Census workers also never solicit for donations and will never contact you by e-mail.

### The Census is Safe

- The 2010 Census will ask for your name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home – just 10 simple questions that will take about 10 minutes to answer.
- Your answers are protected by law and are not shared with anyone.
- The Census Bureau safeguards all census responses to the highest security standards available.

For more information about the upcoming 2010 Census, visit [www.census.gov/2010census](http://www.census.gov/2010census)

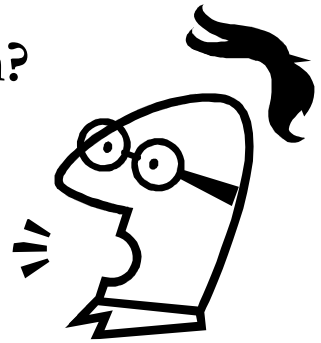
## An Increase in Thefts from Vehicles Yields Yet Another Reminder...



The Fair Oaks District has experienced an **INCREASE** in thefts from vehicles!

How are they breaking in?

- Breaking windows
- Entering through unlocked doors
- Bypassing locking systems



How do you protect your valuables?

**TAKE THEM OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE!**

The reason people steal personal belongings from your car is because they see something they want. Remember, what is not valuable to you may be the object of their desire.



**PLEASE** take the extra time to **physically** remove your CD player, blue tooth, laptop, GPS, CDs, purse, radio, etc. from your vehicle. Remove any empty bags or briefcases to relieve the criminals' curiosities.

Render your car **UNATTRACTIVE!**



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## Dodge a Ticket...Did You Know?

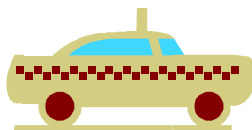


### Summary of Approved Changes to Section 82-5-7 of the Fairfax County Code

On December 7, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved changes to Section 82-5-7 of the Fairfax County Code, which prohibits parking of commercial vehicles in residential districts. The changes are intended to better define commercial vehicles in the county Code, in order to improve parking enforcement and response to complaints about large/commercial vehicles parking on residential streets. **The effective date of these changes is February 1, 2010, followed by a 30-day warning period. Enforcement efforts will commence March 3, 2010.**

- Changes code requirement for taxicabs and limousines: One resident of each single family dwelling unit may park one vehicle licensed and registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia as a taxicab or limousine.
- Expands definition of commercial vehicles restricted from parking in a residential area to include:
  - Any vehicle licensed as a common or contract carrier or limousine (except as above)
  - Vehicles that exceed size and weight limits: more than 21 feet long, more than 8 feet high including appurtenances, width of 102 inches or more, or gross vehicle weight of 12,000 or more pounds.
    - Vehicles exempted from these size and weight limits are: commercial vehicles used by public service company, watercraft or motor home, school buses, vehicles driven by or used for transporting persons with disabilities, vehicles for cable television service, moving vehicles for 48 hours, vehicles for propane gas service. These exempted vehicles can park in a residential area unless restricted elsewhere in the Code, e.g., boats and motor homes are not allowed to park in areas that are Community Parking Districts .
  - Vehicles carrying commercial freight in plain view.
  - Trailer or semi-trailer except campers, boats or single axle utilities
  - Any vehicle with 3 or more axles .
- Clarification of parking restrictions on service drives: Where a service road is adjacent to a residentially zoned area, parking restrictions apply to the side of the service road that is adjacent to the residential area except as otherwise provided in section 82-5-37(5). This allows prohibiting commercial parking on that side of the street which is zoned for a use other than residential to further the residential character of the abutting community.
- The restrictions do not apply to commercial vehicles when temporarily parked while performing work or service.

**Practice courtesy, patience and law abidance;  
You will help saves lives!**





## Fair Oaks District News!



### **Arrests Made in Multiple School Graffiti Cases**



Sully/Reston/Fair Oaks Police Districts – On Thursday, January 14, police placed charges on one adult and several juveniles for destruction of property involving three Fairfax County public schools. On October 10, 2009, the graffiti was spray painted on property at Westfield High School, located at 4700 Stonecroft Boulevard. On December 4, 2009, graffiti was spray painted at Westfield High School, South Lakes High School, located at 11400 South Lakes Drive, and Fox Mill Elementary School, located at 2601 Viking Drive. The damage for all three schools totaled at least \$10,000.

In late December, school officials and security staff at Westfield High School received information about these incidents that was passed onto the Westfield School Resource Officer. He was able to identify and charge suspects with the assistance of the SRO and security staff at Oakton High School. Shane Keenan, 18, of 3052 Crosen Court, and a 16-year-old boy were both charged with two counts of felony destruction of property.

A 17-year-old boy, two 16-year-old boys and a 15-year-old boy were all charged with one count of felony destruction of property.

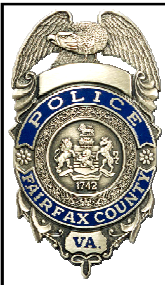
### **DWI Directed Patrol Results In Fair Oaks Police District**

Fairfax County police officers from around the county conducted DWI directed patrols throughout the Fair Oaks District, to deter and apprehend intoxicated drivers on Saturday, January 16 from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. Sunday. Motorists stopped for suspicion of driving while intoxicated were checked to assure that their abilities to drive had not been impaired by alcohol or drugs. Approximately 30 motorists were stopped. One arrest was made for DWI. Sixteen summonses and 26 warnings were issued for miscellaneous traffic offenses.

### **Fair Oaks Downsizes to One Crime Prevention Officer**



Much to the Fair Oaks District's chagrin, PFC Wayne Twombly has been reassigned to patrol. Yes, the budget has hit us all in some way. Officer Twombly is currently working the midnight shift, keeping us safe while we slumber in our nice, warm homes. He deserves a big thank you for not only his outstanding performance while he served as our Crime Prevention Officer but for the level of commitment he exercised. Wayne asked that I share with you his fondness of working with you and for you and aspires one day, to again, serve you in this capacity.



**Contact your Crime Prevention Unit for a**

**FREE home or business security survey**

**Fair Oaks District Crime Prevention Officer:**

**MPO Sophia Grinnan at [sophia.grinnan@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:sophia.grinnan@fairfaxcounty.gov)**



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**Crime Prevention Unit:**  
**703-352-2163**

**Fairfax County Crime Solvers:**  
**1-866-411-TIPS or 703-691-8888**

**Fairfax County Police:**  
**Non-Emergency: 703-691-2131**

**Citizen Reporting System:**  
*(for reports not requiring officer response)*  
*Call the non-emergency number at*  
*703-691-2131 or report online at*  
*[www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov) to public safety,*  
*police department.*



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## Fair Oaks' Newest Addition!

Thus far the Fair Oaks District has been spoiled with best of the best commanders. Captain Paul Thornton was an asset to the residents, businesses and visitors within his district. Thank you, Captain Thornton, for your hard work and dedication; we wish you luck in your new position as Commander of the Investigative Support Division within the Criminal Investigations Bureau. Of course, with every end comes a new beginning. Captain Thornton's successor is Captain Ron Lantz. And the Fair Oaks streak of luck is running strong! Captain Lantz has been with the Fairfax County Police Department since 1988 and mirrors the same standards and values we have grown accustomed to. He has committed himself to increasing the quality of life within his District and he is a strong supporter of community outreach and involvement; so my guess is you'll be seeing a lot of him.



**Captain Ron Lantz**

Captain Lantz served his first nine years at the Reston District on patrol and as a member of the Neighborhood Patrol Unit, commonly known as the "Bike Team." He came to Fair Oaks as a Sergeant for three years, made a brief pit stop supervising Motors and then returned to Fair Oaks as Lieutenant of the Bike Team. After two years, he was promoted to First Lieutenant and was first transferred to the West Springfield District and then to the Internal Affairs Bureau where he served until 2007. In 2007, he was promoted to Captain and was Commander of the Organized Crime and Narcotics Division until he came to us on January 2, 2010. He is a committed husband, father of two and sports fan of the West Virginia Mountaineers. He also favors the Steelers and the Wizards. He's an outdoorsman whose passions are trout fishing and hunting and he also coaches basketball.

Come meet the man who went from Fair Oaks' "garage" (the Bike Team) to the "front office" as Commander. He's looking forward to speaking with you and listening to your ideas and concerns. Or, you can just stop by and just say, "Hi."



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